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In re Application of:	)	Conf. No.: 2360
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Alexander HOFMAN et al.	)	Art Unit:
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Appln. No.: 10/540,850	)	Examiner:
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Filed: June 27, 2005	)	Washington, D.C.
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	September 4, 2007
WELDING MOLDED	)	
THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL ...	)	

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Randolph Building, Mail Stop Amendments  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, and prior to  
calculating of the filing fee, please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the  
listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.